THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Development and Reform Facility (Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana) has been initiated in the current year with the main objectives of addressing the problems of low agricultural productivity, unemployment and to fill critical gaps in physical and social infrastructure. Area specific schemes are to be drawn up by the State Governments who have also been asked to involve Panchayati Raj Institutions. Non-Government Organisations and Self-Help Groups at various stages including plan formation, implementation and monitoring. The scheme has three components; (i) Backward Districts Initiative which is being operated on a pilot basis in the current year covering 25 districts with an allocation of Rs. 15 crore per district; (ii) Special Plan for Bihar; and (iii) Special Plan for the Kalahandi, Bolangir and Koraput (KBK) Districts of Orissa.

(c) As the Development and Reform Facility is a new initiative which has been introduced in the current year, so far Rs. 50 crore have been released for the Special Plan for the KBK Districts of Orissa. The actual release of funds under the various components of the scheme will depend on factors such as preparation of viable plans, progress of schemes, submission of progress reports, etc.

Growth Rate for Tenth Five Year Plan

†1010. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are apprehensions over the present role of the State Governments in achieving the annual growth rate of eight per cent during Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether those States have been identified in which the accomplishment of the above mentioned growth rate target is getting to be very difficult, if so, the names of such States?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) The Approach Paper to the Tenth Five Year Plan as approved by the National Development Council (NDC) envisages an annual average growth target of 8 per cent for the nation. A commitment has also been in the Approach Paper to break up the growth target State-wise, taking into account the potentials and constraints of each State, since it is not necessary for each State to grow individually at an annual average rate of 8 per cent in order to make the national growth target achievable. The Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-07), which would contain the State-wise growth target, is yet to be approved by the National Development Council.

Assessment of Funds Required for Tenth Five Plan

†1011. SHRI RAJIV SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the need of additional funds required for achieving the growth target set up for Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the contribution of Central and the State Governments to these funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) The approval of the National Development Council (NDC) is awaited for the draft Tenth Five Year Plan as approved by the Cabinet.

Funds Allocated to Uttar Pradesh

1012. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated by the Government to the Government of Uttar Pradesh under various schemes alongwith the names of such schemes;

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